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Environmental Protection Department

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNITY RELATIONS

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Dear Neighbor:

The "Annual Burn" will soon begin at Site 300, perhaps as early as May 31. This is done every year to prevent fires from becoming a problem after the grasses are sun-baked. The firebreaks to contain the burn are now being constructed in preparation for the burn.

We only burn on approved fire days, never when the wind is high or conditions are not right. We never burn at night. Our fire department ensures fires are completely out before we leave an area that has been burned. Smoke from the resulting fires is monitored. Burns are stopped if unfavorable conditions develop during the day.

The burn area this year will be about the same size as in past years, and the burn activities will take about the same amount of time. That's about 6 workdays of actual activity, which can take several weeks waiting for the right conditions on approved fire days. We hope to be complete by the end of June if the weather cooperates, but could still be working through July if it doesn't.

The burn will be carefully controlled. Our fire department conducts the burn and monitors all related activities. As in previous years, a portion of the burn will be done at different times along stretches of the site boundary, starting with our eastern border.

To find out when a burn may occur near your property, please call the Site 300 Environmental Manager Karen Folks, at (925) 423-2367, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Please call me at (925) 424-4026 or e-mail me at heffner1@llnl.gov if you can't reach Karen or have a question about something other than the burn.

Sincerely,

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